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Sheep And Wool Day Returns to Frying Pan Farm Park

Clippers buzzing, sheep baahing, bits of wool floating on the breeze; sheep shearing chores herald the heart of spring on the farm. This fascinating annual chore relieves sheep of their thick wool coats requires unique skill and endurance. Come out to Frying Pan Farm Park on Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and experience the fun of Sheep and Wool Day.

Watch sheep sheared by a skilled shearer who works artfully balancing, turning and clipping these 200 pound creatures. Quick, careful and always mindful of the sharp blades, a top notch shearer can work across the animal, head to hoof and side to side, peeling back the fleece in a single piece. Make and take home our fuzzy sheep crafts. Learn about different kids of sheep at the breed exhibits, card wool, watch wool demonstrations, and take part in the hands-on farm demos.

While you're at the farm, stop by the barn to meet the 11 new piglets, baby lambs, young calve and the five baby kids (goats) in the barn! There are lots of old, interesting pieces of farm equipment to see at Kidwell Farm, a working model farm typical of farms found in Fairfax County in the early 20th century.

Bring the whole family to this fun day at the farm. The cost is just \$3 per person.

Although we all love our canine companions, please leave your dogs at home. Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road in Herndon.

For more information, please call the Frying Pan Farm Park at 703-437-9101 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fpp/>

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